

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of transmitting data over a network, the method comprising:
2 activating a sensor in an electronic device;
3 in response to the activation of the sensor, establishing a data connection
4 between the electronic device and a cradle;
5 downloading data from the electronic device to the cradle; and
6 transmitting the data from the cradle to a network server.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the data connection is an infrared connection
2 and the sensor is a magnetic read switch.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the sensor is activated when the electronic
2 device is placed into the cradle.

1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising terminating the data connection
2 between the electronic device and the cradle when the downloading is completed.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the data is personal data of a user of the
2 electronic device.

1 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising presenting the data to a user on a
2 web site.

1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the web site is a personal web site of the user
2 or a company web site accessible by the user.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic device is a personal data capture
2 device.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the data is transmitted to the network server
2 using a wireless transmitter via a wireless carrier.

1 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the data is transmitted to the network server
2 using a modem via a wide area network.

1 11. A system comprising:
2 a cradle to transmit data to a network server; and
3 an electronic device, coupled to the cradle, the electronic device including
4 a sensor to trigger a data connection between the electronic device and
5 the cradle, and
6 a transmitter to download the data to the cradle.

1 12 The system of claim 1 wherein the data connection is an infrared connection
2 and the sensor is a magnetic read switch.

1 13. The system of claim 11 wherein the sensor is activated when the electronic
2 device is placed into the cradle.

1 14. The system of claim 11 wherein the electronic device includes a processor to
2 terminate the connection between the electronic device and the cradle when the
3 download is completed.

1 15. The system of claim 11 wherein the data is personal data of a user of the
2 electronic device.

1 16. The system of claim 11 further comprising a web site to present the data to a
2 user.

1 17. The system of claim 16 wherein the web site is a personal web site of the user
2 or a company web site accessible by the user.

1 18. The system of claim 11 wherein the electronic device is a personal data capture
2 device.

1 19. The system of claim 11 wherein the cradle includes a receiver to receive the
2 data from the electronic device.

1 20. The system of claim 19 wherein the receiver is an infrared receiver.

1 21. The system of claim 11 wherein the cradle includes a wireless transmitter to
2 transmit the data to the network server via a wireless carrier.

1 22. The system of claim 11 wherein the cradle includes a modem to transmit the
2 data to the network server via a wide area network.

1 23. A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when
2 executed on a processor, cause said processor to perform operations comprising:
3 activating a sensor in an electronic device;
4 in response to the activation of the sensor, establishing a data connection
5 between the electronic device and a cradle;
6 downloading data from the electronic device to the cradle; and
7 transmitting the data from the cradle to a network server.